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Dear Co-labourers in Christ, we are blessed and thrilled to have you as one of our supporters. You are an encouragement and blessing to our family and ministry. God is working in our midst and we are thrilled to be a part of it. For every soul that we are able to reach, God deserves all of the praise.

Vacation Bible School: In the month of August, we had our first Vacation Bible School and it was amazing! For close to a year, our church was averaging only five children in our children's Sunday School class. This was weighing upon our hearts, so we decided to have our first VBS. We decided to have it every Saturday of the month of August. Our church worked hard at promoting it and went door to door inviting both children and parents to come. We had thirteen children on our first day and grew to about twenty-five children by the end of the month. On the fourth Saturday of the month, I gave an invitation of salvation to the children and close to ten of them made a profession of faith. That day, as I was dropping off the children to their homes, one of the boys asked me, "Hermano Esteban (Bro. Stephen), how do you do what your doing?" I answered, "Sorry, I don't really understand what you're asking. What do you mean?" A little girl sitting behind him piped up and said, "He wants know what he has to do to teach the Bible like you." It was so precious to hear them ask such a question. I later pondered the fact that this little boy had the chance to stay home, play soccer, and ride bikes with his friends, yet chose not to do so. He rather chose to go to our vacation Bible school where he got saved, and received a desire to become a preacher! Since VBS, my wife has been picking up the children every Sunday and has been averaging around twelve to fifteen in attendance.

Youth Conference in September: Every few months, nearly ten churches take their youth to a conference in the city of Monterrey. I was invited last month to preach there and was blessed to see the Lord at work in many hearts. At the end of the service, the alter was full of people seeking the Lord. I was blessed later that evening to receive a text message from a youth pastor letting me know that one of his young people had been under conviction from the sermon and received Christ.

Cartel Violence: On October 2nd, our town became a war zone with heavy artillery going off for what seemed to be an eternity. I woke up around 1 am to the sound of gun fire so I got on my knees and began praying for all of those involved. After praying, I decided to share John 3:16-18 on my WhatsApp status, and a minute later, I received a text message from a lady in our church asking me to pray for her grandmother, Elena. Sis Elena is up in years, lives by herself, and is a member of our church. I immediately took to the phone and called her. Elena had been hiding in her bathroom with her blood pressure through the roof. I began sharing comforting Scripture and praying with her. After ending our conversation, I decided to invite anyone who would like for me to pray with them to contact me. For the next four hours, in the middle of the night, I received texts messages, calls, and voice-messages asking for prayer from both believers and non-believers. In every instance, I was able to point people to the Lord. The next morning I visited Sis Elena and she said, "Pastor, thank you for calling me. Last night my head was pounding because of my high blood pressure. But when you called and prayed for me, I could feel the pounding in my head go down until it disappeared."

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